Water Utilisation Efficiency

3548. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has launched a programme for improving water utilisation efficiency; and

(b) if so.the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) For efficient utilisation of irrigation water at farm level, following new initiatives have been taken under resturctured Command Area Development and Water Management Programme.

(i) Correction of system deficiencies above the outlet level up to distributaries of 150 Cusecs;

(ii) Renovation and desilting of existing irrigation tanks including the related irrigaiton system and control structures within the designated command with a minimum 10% beneficiary contribution as maintenance fund, the interest from which has to be used for maintenance in future;

(iii) For increased participation of beneficiaries a provision of 10% contribution either in cash or in the form of labour has been made mandatory for selected activities like construction of field channels, reclamation of waterlogged areas;

(iv) Implementaiton of Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) Programme.

Allocation for Irrigation Projects

3549. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount allocated for irrigation proejcts during the Tenth Plan, State-wise;

(b) the details of total amount utilised so far and the names of the States alongwith the details of the projects completed during this period; and

(c) the details of the projects to be completed in this respect?